Infrastructure for Promotion of Tourism

5950. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of tourist infrastructure such as adequate hotels, transport, hindrances in the growth and expansion of tourist traffic in most areas of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the north-eastern states have a tremendous potential for tourism;

(c) whether expansion of tourist facilities and traffic would lead to both income and employment generation in these areas; and

(d) if so, what steps, if any, have been taken by the Government to promote and expand infrastructure for tourism in these and other untapped areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Central Government have formulated a National Action Plan for Tourism for promotion of tourism in the country which was presented in Parliament in May 1992. The National Action Plan for Tourism envisages development of tourist infrastructure facilities alongwith diversification of tourism product, steps to boost international tourism to India and domestic tourism in the country.

The Central Government extends financial assistance to the State Governments based on the proposals received from them for development of tourist infrastructure facilities in the States depending upon their merits and availability of funds.

Vacancies in ITDC Hotels

5951. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in each ITDC hotels/units departments/centre etc. as on date;

(b) the date on which the vacancy has occurred alongwith details thereof;

(c) the number of vacancies reserved for SC/ST/OBC/physically handicapped etc. alongwith details thereof;

(d) during the last three years, how many of these posts were filled up by ITDC management, category and post-wise details in each unit/department/centre and also headquarters;

(e) whether Government have received any representation from any one including the union regarding selection, adhoc filling up, deputation, officiating promotions etc. in particular by All India Paryatan Jan Mazdoor Sabha dated 5th April, 1995;

(f) whether any Member of Parliament forwarded this memorandum and demanded in depth probe into ITDC affairs; and

(g) if so, whether any probe has been ordered by Government, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A statement-I showing vacancies position in various ITDC Units, Regional Offices and Headquarters as on 31-3-1995 is enclosed (*See* below). As regards the exact date/period of the vacancy position, it is not possible to indicate the same because vacancies are earmarked to be filled in through the channel of promotion as well as direct recruitment and various posts are transferable from one unit to another and adjustable by upgradation/ downgradation etc. from time to time.